

House District 8 Representative

Ben Carpenter, Registered Republican



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AGE: 47

PLACE OF BIRTH: Omak, WA

SPOUSE’S NAME: Ameye

CHILDREN’S NAMES: Breanna, Wyatt, Jenna, Melanie

OCCUPATION: Farmer, Small Business Manager

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 32 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Nikiski (1985-93 & 2013-22)
Anchorage (2016-18), Juneau (2019-22)

EDUCATION:
Bachelor’s Degree, Weber State University (2004)
High School Diploma, Nikiski High School (1993)

MILITARY SERVICE:
U.S. Army Major (Retired) (2003-18)
U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant (1997-2003)
OIF (2006-07, 2010, 2011), OEF (2012-13)
Operation Southern Watch (1999), Operation Northern Watch (2000)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
State Representative (2018-Present)
Comprehensive Fiscal Policy Working Group (2021)
AGDC Board of Directors (Ex-officio) (2020-22)
Agriculture Caucus (2022)

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Alaska Peony Market Cooperative, President (2014-22)
Cook Inlet Gardens, Inc., President (2013-22)
Epperheimer, Inc., Project Mgr (2018-22)

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:
Lighthouse Community Church

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Leadership development, Alaska agriculture, aviation, disc golf

STATEMENT:
You may be wondering, “Why only one candidate?” While I certainly experience some personal relief at being unopposed, I believe that self-government works best when there is a robust contest of ideas for voters to choose between. I was surprised to learn that I am the only candidate who filed paperwork to participate in this contest. I have never shied away from healthy debate so even though your choice is limited at the ballot box, please take the opportunity to ask me questions before you cast your vote. My email address is listed above, and my phone number is: 907-513-6165. I look forward to hearing from you.

I have served four years in this seat and as a minority member on the Finance Committee. I encouraged a long-term vision of fiscal stability, including a less-costly, more accountable bureaucracy and low taxation. Both are necessary to enable economic growth and job creation in our private sector economy – where most Alaskans work. My priority for the next legislature will be to further this vision with an effective constitutional spending limit and placing the permanent fund dividend in the state constitution. Both will have a stabilizing effect on our budget process. I will also work to remove barriers to resource development, such as getting state land into the hands of private citizens for productive use. Protecting individual liberties, including the right to life from conception, and promoting individual responsibilities will remain a close second priority for me in the next legislature.

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